

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS  
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI  
JULY 16, 2007

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in Regular Session at 6:00 PM, Monday, July 16, 2007 in the Council Chambers of the Hall of Waters Building. The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Nelson.

The opening prayer was given by Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nelson.

Roll Call of Members: Present: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor,  
Councilman Fousek and Councilwoman Schutte.

Absent: Councilman Parker

VISITORS: (Tape A26-281)

Mrs. MaryAnn Owens, 216 S. Kimball, addressed the Council. MaryAnn stated she and her husband own "Owen's Turf Farm" and they keep some sod at their home to sell to their neighbors in case they need a small amount of sod. She also stated that the Police Department informed her that neighbors had complained about sod being stored at her home. MaryAnn went before the Planning and Zoning Commission and they denied her an occupation license because her home is not zoned for business.

Councilwoman Schutte suggested MaryAnn obtain a special use permit.

Councilman Fousek advised MaryAnn that the Council should have time to explore this situation and time to check with Planning and Zoning.

Mayor Nelson stated she may need some type of variance.

MaryAnn stated she is not interested in starting a business; she just wants to provide a service to her neighbors. MaryAnn also presented to the Mayor a petition signed by 140 people who had no complaints against her selling sod at her residence.

Mr. Tom Gray, 601 Sagamore, addressed the Council. Mr. Gray stated he has had water from the storm drains in his basement twice this year. He has asked the Council since 1996 to address this problem, but nothing has been done about it. He wants to make this Council aware of the problem and see if anything can be done about it now. He has talked to Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor about this.

Mayor Nelson stated he has had a conversation with Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor and this problem is being addressed. Taylor is currently working on it.

Mr. Gray stated that nothing has ever been done about this problem.

Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor advised Mr. Gray that this Council gets things done.

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JULY 2, 2007: (Tape A282-301)

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 2, 2007. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Schutte, Fousek, Taylor, Nelson

Nays: None, motion carried.

Minutes of July 2, 2007 passed and approved July 16, 2007.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA: (Tape A302-310)

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve the Agenda, as printed. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor.

Roll Call of Votes:       Ayes:   Fousek, Schutte, Taylor, Nelson

                              Nays:   None, motion carried.

Agenda, as printed, passed and approved July 16, 2007.

DISCUSSION ON ADDRESS/911 ISSUES: (Tape A311-731)

Deputy Fire Chief Kent Cantrell addressed the Council. Kent advised that with the new "911" upgrade system, it cannot recognize the illogical way some of our streets are numbered. Our illogical numbering system confuses the software. This upgrade will be no cost to the City. However; it will be necessary for the Fire and Police Departments to look for areas where addresses are not logical and fix them. This is especially true on Tracy and May Streets. Some streets have been numbered backward...west to east rather than east to west. The software can compensate for these backward numbered streets, but it cannot compensate for illogical numbered streets. Cantrell stated they will look for the most difficult spots and try to fix them. The Post Office has stated they will continue to honor the new and the old address for one year after changes.

Councilman Fousek suggested they coordinate this with the property owners and the Post Office.

Sgt. Reno of the Police Department stated they have contacted the Post Office and they are happy this is being done and they are fully behind this effort.

Kent stated they are asking for guidance from the Council before moving forward on this project. With the Council's approval, they will notify property owners and make changes right away.

Mayor Nelson stated this is also a matter of public safety so the Police and Fire Departments can find the correct address.

Councilwoman Schutte recommended the Fire Department carry on with their changes.

LIQUOR LICENSE: (Tape A732-759)

Police Sgt. Reno advised the Council that a background check has been done on this person and business and there is nothing that would preclude a license being issued.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve a request by Hardeep K. Thabal for a Package Liquor License and Sunday Sales License for Gurman II, Inc. (dba; Quick Shop II) located at 1900 Jesse James Road, Excelsior Springs, Missouri. Ms. Thabal will be the Managing Officer of the license. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Schutte.

Roll Call of Votes:       Ayes:   Fousek, Schutte, Taylor, Nelson

                              Nays:   None, motion carried.

Liquor License for Quick Shop II passed and approved July 16, 2007.

ORDINANCE #07-7-2, WATER AND SEWER RATES: (Tape A760-1271)

Chad Birdsong, Interim Public Works Co-Director, briefed the Council on this Ordinance. Chad stated this increase is for the fiscal year of 2007/2008 and will become effective October 1, 2007. This increase reflects an 8%

increase in water and sewer rates.

Councilwoman Schutte asked if this increase is needed to make the 2007/2008 budget balance. Chad answered "yes". Schutte asked how much this increase will raise water revenues...she hasn't seen a 2007/2008 water budget yet...is it enough...will we come up short...is it too much. With due diligence, she needs to see how increasing these rates will affect the water budget. These are blind numbers...needs to see the total budget.

Councilman Fousek stated that rates have to increase...last year was the first stage, this year is the second stage...it is part of the plan.

Devery Hunt, Public Works Administrative Assistant, informed the Council that rates need to be approved now so that bulk water customers can be advised of the increase ahead of the effective date.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve Ordinance #07-7-2, as it pertains to the establishment of water rates and sewer rates. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor.

Roll Call of Votes:       Ayes:   Fousek, Taylor, Nelson  
                                  Nays:   Schutte. Motion carried.

Ordinance #07-7-2 passed and approved July 16, 2007.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #07-7-03: (Tape A1272-1333)

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve Appropriations Ordinance #07-7-3, in the amount of \$504,279.75. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor.

Roll Call of Votes:       Ayes:   Schutte, Fousek, Taylor, Nelson  
                                  Nays:   None, motion carried.

Appropriations Ordinance #07-7-3 passed and approved July 16, 2007.

REMARKS – CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL: (Tape A1334-1527)

Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor:

1. Has done some research in regard to installing security cameras downtown and will be meeting with Ron Prewitt, owner of Ray's Lunch, to discuss this. City needs to get the ball rolling on meetings of downtown business owners to address vandalism in the downtown area.

Councilwoman Schutte:

1. In regard to the Airport...since they are behind in their payments to the City, who is covering their liability insurance. The Mayor advised that the Airport pays their own liability insurance. Schutte suggested that the City look into this to make sure the liability insurance is being paid.
2. Will not be here for the next, regular Council Meeting.

Councilman Fousek:

1. It is with great sadness that he notes the passing of Raymond Filley. Ray served as Chairman of the Housing Authority for many years and we will miss him.

Mayor Nelson:

1. Told Councilwoman Schutte to have a great time in Russia. Keep safe...there is always danger anytime you go beyond any border these days.
2. Echo the comments made about Ray Filley. Ray and Paul Filley both left their mark on this City.

With no further business at hand, Mayor Nelson adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 6:51 PM.

ATTEST:

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JIM NELSON, MAYOR

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FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK